

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY  
CAMDEN VICINAGE**

JOSEPH GARCIA,	:	CIV. NO. 20-1728 (RMB)
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Petitioner	:	
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v.	:	<b>OPINION</b>
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WARDEN DAVID ORTIZ,	:	
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Respondent	:	

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Petitioner Joseph Garcia, a prisoner formerly confined in the Federal Correctional Institution in Fort Dix, New Jersey ("FCI Fort Dix"), filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, challenging the loss of his prison UNICOR job as a disciplinary sanction. (Pet., Docket No. 1.) Respondent has filed a request to dismiss the habeas petition as moot (Docket No. 24) because the Federal Bureau of Prisons released Petitioner on November 23, 2022. (Ex. A; Docket No. 24 at 4). "What was once a live case or controversy may become moot if 'interim relief or events have completely and irrevocably eradicated the effects of the alleged violation.'" *Williams v. Sherman*, 214 F. App'x 264, 266 (3d Cir. 2007) (quoting *County of Los Angeles v. Davis*, 440 U.S. 625, 631 (1979)). Petitioner's release has rendered his petition moot.

An accompanying Order follows.

DATE: **December 14, 2022**

s/Renée Marie Bumb  
RENÉE MARIE BUMB  
United States District Judge